GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of employees/officers posted abroad have defected/deserted;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years till date;

(c) the action taken against the erring employees/officers; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check defection/desertion ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) No employee or officer posted abroad has defected in recent years. There are some cases of unauthorized absence from duty abroad by officials. There have been 10 cases since 1996.

(c) & (d) Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated in all such cases. To further prevent unauthorized absence, the Government has decided to limit the vaildity of passports of officials posted abroad and impound passports of those on unauthorized absence.